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RE: *Grant Candidacy Status*
Wingate University (NC)
Master's Social Work Program
2022 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)

Dear President Brown:

At its February 2025 meeting, the Board of Accreditation (BOA) reviewed the social work program's Benchmark 1 materials. The BOA decided to *Grant Candidacy Status* to the master's social work program.

Congratulations as the program prepares for Benchmark 2.

The program will be reviewed for Benchmark 2 at the February 2026 BOA meeting.

Decision Types

BOA Candidacy decision types are described in [5.12 BOA Benchmark 1 Decisions](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook.

Accredited Status Statements

Policy [1.6 Accreditation Status Statements for Websites & Materials](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook includes language for candidate programs to post on their websites or use in marketing, recruitment, or other print and electronic material.

Next Candidacy Visit Assignment

CSWE accreditation staff will email the program information to prepare for the next candidacy visit, including contact information for the BOA visitor. Upon receipt of this assignment email, the program and BOA visitor collaborate to select a customized visit date, submit the visit date to CSWE accreditation staff, arrange visit logistics, and develop the visit schedule.

Contingency Planning

No less than 30 days before the visit, the program's primary contact must agree upon a contingency plan with the visitor to be used in case the original visit plan must change due to an emergency or other unforeseen circumstances outside of

one or both parties' control. Refer to policy [5.9 Candidacy Visits 1, 2, & 3](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook for a list of contingency considerations and procedures for informing CSWE accreditation staff of changes to a planned visit.

Formatting & Submission Requirements

Then, at least 30 days in advance of the program's next candidacy visit date, Benchmark 2 materials must be submitted via email to the BOA visitor and the program's assigned accreditation specialist in CSWE's Department of Social Work Accreditation, Mayasah Thomas, MSW at mthomas@cswe.org.

The benchmark documents must align with the formatting and submission requirements detailed in policy [4.7 Document Formatting & Submission Requirements](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook.

Maintaining Accurate CSWE Records

Programs are required to maintain accurate CSWE database records and [Directory of Accredited Programs](#) listing. Policy [4.9 Program Changes](#) in the Accreditation Policy Handbook provides procedures for notifying CSWE of relevant changes within 30 days after the implementation of change.

CSWE Accreditation Contact

If there are any questions about this letter or the policies, procedures, and actions of the Board of Accreditation, please contact Mayasah Thomas, MSW, Accreditation Specialist in CSWE's Department of Social Work Accreditation at mthomas@cswe.org.

Sincerely,



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